

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6-9, 15, and 16 are amended. Support for the amendments may be found in at least FIGS. 6-9, 16, and 17. Thus, no new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 6 and 8 are allowed and that claim 13 recites allowable subject matter. However, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable for at least the following reasons.

Claims 1-5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,915,229 (Yamada) and claims 9-12, 14, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yamada in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,598,795 (Prenn). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

In particular, Yamada and Prenn, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest "a belt shaped member is wound around the package member," as recited in claims 1, 7, 9, and 15. Thus, claims 1, 7, 9, and 15 are patentable over Yamada and Prenn. Further, claims 2-5, 10-12, and 14 are patentable for at least the reasons that claims 1 and 9 are patentable, as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,563,525 (Suzuki) in view of Yamada and Prenn. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In particular, Yamada and Prenn, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest a printer having a "sheet storage unit including a pressing member provided on a side wall of the sheet storage unit parallel to a sheet feed direction and a positioning portion provided on a wall of the sheet package opposite the side wall," and a "package member [including] a second exposing portion exposing a first side part of the stack of sheets

and a second side part of the stack of sheets, the first side part facing the pressing member so that the pressing member can press the stack of sheets so that the second side part is positioned along the positioning portion," as recited in claim 16.

The Office Action alleges that Suzuki discloses a printer 1 having a sheet storage unit; however, the printer 1 of Suzuki fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a pressing member that interacts with the package member, as recited in claim 16. Yamada and Prens fail to make up for this deficiency of Suzuki. Thus, claim 16 is patentable over the combination of Suzuki, Yamada, and Prens. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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